1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Manipur	166	0	4	170
17.	Meghalaya*	0	0	0	0
18.	Mizoram*	0	0	0	0
19.	Nagaland*	0	0	0	0
20.	Orissa	6234	314	30	6578
21.	Punjab	12445	140	17	12602
22.	Rajasthan	9189	237	32	9458
23.	Sikkim	159	0	4	163
24.	Tamil Nadu	12618	385	29	13032
25.	Tripura	537	23	4	564
26.	Uttar Pradesh	52028	813	71	52912
27.	Uttaranchal	7227	95	13	7335
28.	West Bengal	3360	333	18	3711
29.	A & N Islands	67	7	1	75
30.	Chandigarh	17	1	1	19
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	11	0	1	12
32.	Daman & Diu	10	0	1	11
33.	NCT of Delhi#	0	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	10	0	1	11
35.	Pondicherry	98	10	0	108
	TOTAL:	234676	6097	537	241310

* Traditional Councils.

Panchayati Raj System is yet to be revived.

Eastern Siberian pipeline

1255. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has mooted an idea of Eastern Siberian pipeline in coordination with China and Japan to get oil from far-East;

(b) whether any consultations have been held with Russia, China and Japan in this regard; and

(c) the details of the parties of India apart from GAIL, involved in the construction and transportation of oil from the proposed pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir. The Russian authorities are considering a pipeline from the Eastern Siberian oilfields to the Pacific coast. We have expressed our interest in associating ourselves with the project. The initial reaction has been positive.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Coal bed methane projects of ONGC

1256. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has proposed to take up coal bed methane projects across the country;

(b) whether ONGC has invited bids for development and commercial exploitation of coal bed methane blocks and if so, the location of blocks identified therefor; and

(c) whether the ONGC is also lending its expertise on coal bed methane production to Zimbabwe and if so, whether ONGC will invest in Zimbabwe CBM projects?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) either single or in consortium with other PSUs, have signed contracts with the Government for exploration and production of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in 9 blocks situated in Jharkhand, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) No, Sir. Till date, no bid has been invited by ONGC. However, an expression of interest has been invited by ONGC for integrated turnkey contracts for exploration, production and development of its CBM blocks.

(c) No, Sir. At present, ONGC is not lending its expertise in CBM production to Zimbabwe , but a delegation from Zimbabwe visited India recently to broach the subject of cooperation in this sector.

Objectives of ONGC

1257. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the core activity of ONGC;